

**Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of July 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Simmons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 25, 2009 as written, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger informed council that she had found a grant opportunity for port facilities and requested approval to pursue. Councilman Martin motioned to approve Ms. Henninger researching the grant and working with staff to compile an application, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait stated that at the County budget workshop, preliminary discussion was to cut the Freeport budget by approximately \$3,800.00. Mayor Marse has requested a waiver of the balance of the loan with the County. The County will look into the waiver.

Fourteen applications had been received for the vacant fire fighter position. Mayor Marse requested additional discussion with Ben regarding possible schedule changes before Council approved hiring.

4. Parks Department Report

No parks report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- Wastewater treatment plant has been online for approximately a month. Some minor repairs have been completed on the filter.
- Well #7 contract time has expired. At best, completion time would be at least another three months. Correspondence has been sent to the contractor regarding completion of the project.

- Eglin easement baseline survey has been completed, with the environmental assessment finishing up next week. Assessments should be completed and sent to Wright for evaluation by the end of September.
- Preliminary data indicates that the City may be eligible for up to 45% grant and a current loan rate of 3.75% through Rural Development with no rate increases for the North Bay expansion

IV. Old Business

None was presented

V. New Business

1. Acceptance of financial audit/FY 2008

Councilman King motioned to accept the financial audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Request 1st Public Hearing/TRIM

Attorney Adkinson recommended tabling until the next regular scheduled Council meeting. Council agreed.

3. Request approval to receive quotes

Council agreed to allow approval to request price quotes on lighting at the Four Mile Creek Park and for video surveillance equipment and services for various City parks and buildings. Prices will be brought back at a later time for approval.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse requested approval to purchase another lawnmower. Councilman King motioned to approve the lawnmower purchase, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Marse has received a request to establish a “No Wake Zone” at Four Mile Creek. Council agreed.

Mayor Marse congratulated Elizabeth Brannon for her success in the election.

Mayor Marse thanks Councilwoman Jean Arrant for her years of service to the City and mentioned that the oak tree in front of City Hall had her to thank for not being cut during construction of the City Hall. He presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

Councilwoman Arrant thanked everyone for all they had done for her.

Chief Greenslait presented Councilwoman Arrant with a collage that he had made for her years of service to the fire department.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President

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